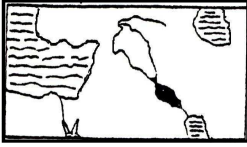


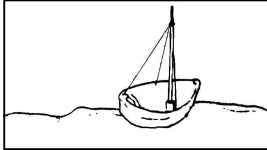
Questions to Ask About a Culture

1. Geography



- Dry land (little water)
- Short grasses covering region with small trees and bushes
- Hot summers cold winters

2. Economics



- Traded with neighbours
- Traded extra grain, wool oil and more
- Transportation by donkeys, oxen, and boats

3. Religion and Philosophy



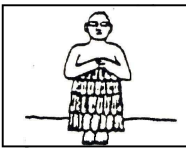
- Believed everything natural like sun, air had god ruling Sumerian's daily lives
- Praised 3000 deities
- Worshiped deities by building them ziggurats and shrines

4. Knowledge, Education, and the Arts



- Developed 3 stages for writing in Mesopotamia
- Priests used to keep track of offerings, merchants/traders to keep track of sold/bought items and keep track of taxes
- Scribes used stylus to write on clay tablet

5. Political Science



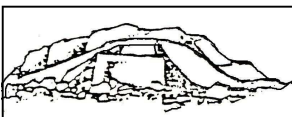
- Government responsibilities
- When ruler dies, it is replaced with a relative
- Hired workers to collect taxes, write and enforced laws (upper class, priests, wealthy merchants)

6. Sociology



- Men were the head of household, arranged education for sons, marriages for daughters and may pay off debts by selling/hiring wife, children, and slaves
- Women had some rights, depended on husband for money
- Slaves are anyone who hit bad luck, debt or got captured in war

7. History



- Society changing quickly by changing through modern technology
- Improving laws
- Developing equipment